

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0024]** A close-up view of a clip 48 is shown in Figure 3. The clip preferably is made from a single piece of metal such as spring steel or other suitable material. As shown, one end ~~51~~ ~~52~~ of the clip may be bent downward to prevent it from interfering with other components mounted on circuit board 36 or with proper geometries will limit the rotational movement relative to posts 44 by interference with the heat sink 42. Towards the other end of the clip, a hole 52 is formed between corresponding members 54 of the clip. Because of the construction of the clip and the material from which it is made, clip members 54 are capable of being pushed apart, at least to a certain degree. Then, when such a separating force is removed, the members 54 will return to their initial position as shown in Figure 3. Referring to Figure 4, this feature permits the clip to be pushed down over post 44 with hole 52 coinciding with post end 54. The post end 54 is shown in a generally conical shape, although other shapes are acceptable as well. In general, post end 54 comprises a tip that has a cross sectional area that increases from the most distal end of the tip towards surface 56. As the clip is pushed down over post end 54, the post end acts to push clip members apart until the clip engages recessed area 59 defined by post throat 58. Once at the narrower post throat 58, the clip members 54 spring back into their unseparated position. In short, the clip "snaps" into place and the assembly thus is generally referred to as "self-locking." The surface 56 of post end 54 acts as a mechanical "stop" to retain the clip in place around throat 58. The clips thus are referred to as "self-locking clips."

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached annotated drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 3. In particular, reference numeral 52 was inadvertently used twice. Therefore, the reference numeral 52 that refers to "one end" has been changed to reference numeral 51.

Attachment: FOUR (4) Sheets of Formal Drawings  
              ONE (1) Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to the informal Fig. 3